

# **Disappearance of the Outside**

**Edmonton, Alberta,  
in the time of COVID-19**

**2022**

**June**

**Downtown**

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critical infrastructure



thought police





caged inside hierarchies of arcane meaning



illusion of motion





this feeling of freefall



hands across the water





enigmatic presence





the experience of looking



the apprehensive feeling of reaching out





subtle, transient feelings



unvoiced





led by curiosity

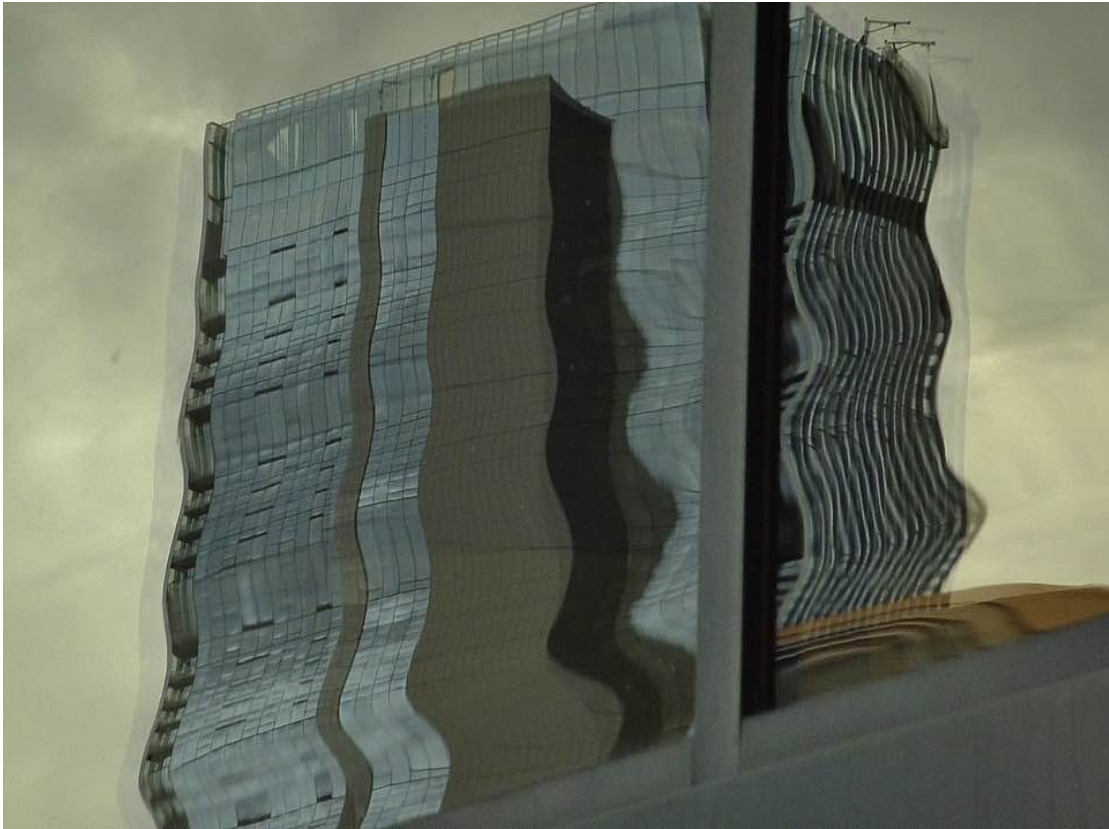


only a motion away





real bodies in imaginary space



variable winds





storm front



an hour later



gap in self-awareness





engulfed



dissolution of an entire life story

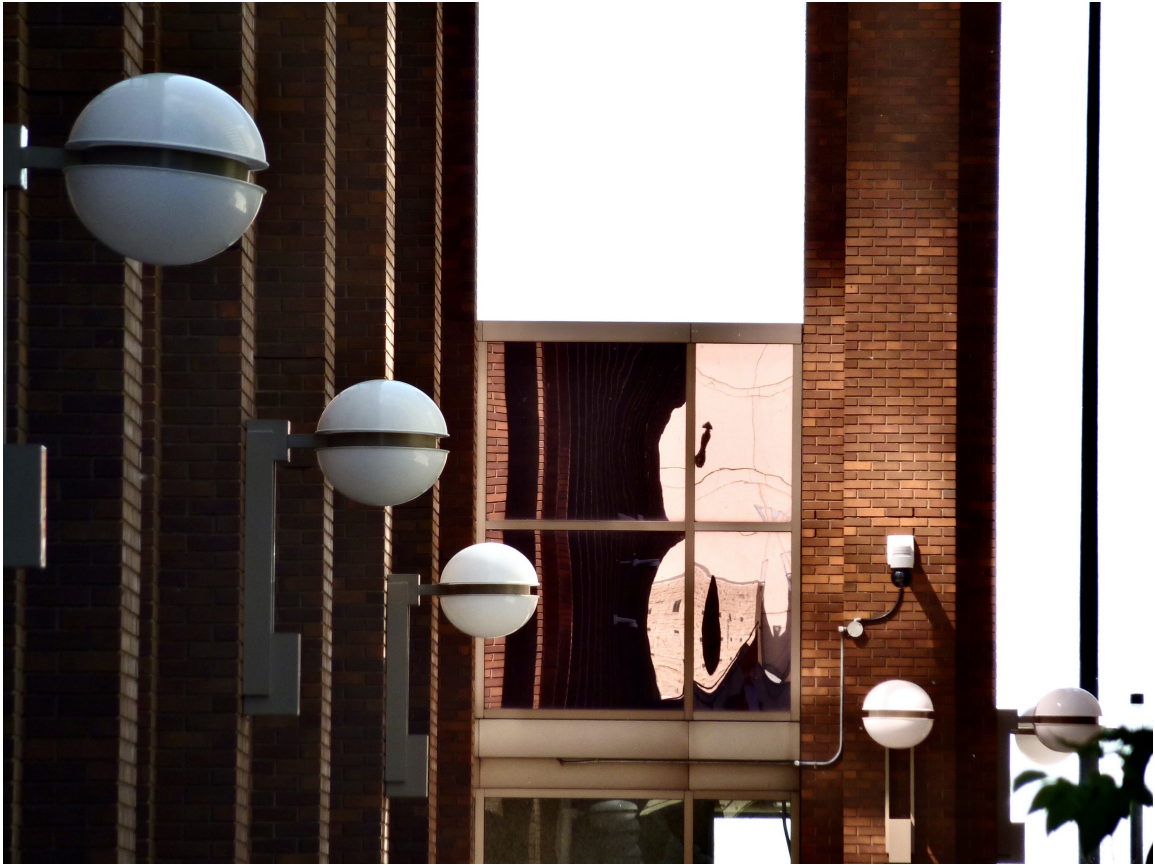




fields of pure colour



No Entry



footmen at Downtown Abbey





insidious notion



deflating reality





enigmatic dream sequence



wildfires pressing against the windows





a power mostly intuited



unpredictable currents





flickering light of the 21<sup>st</sup> century



the future is faster than you think





greeting my younger self



the ecstasy of self-effacement





transactional modes of social evolution





approaching wildfires



ceaselessly receding





wayward beliefs





psychological scaffolding



ruptured structure





multiple office sizes available





drowning pool of the past

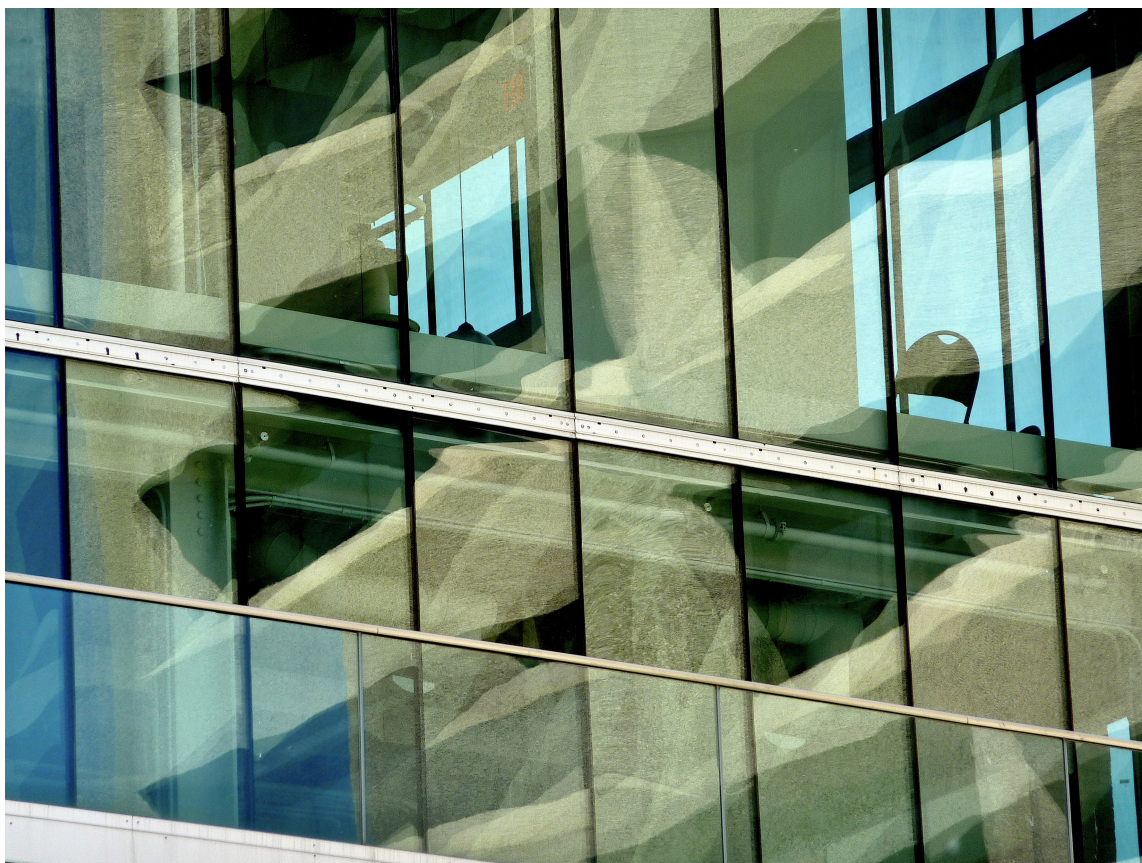


the thinnest covering of sphagnum



at One-Eyed Jack's





the skull beneath the skin



Mount Edmonton





ship shapes



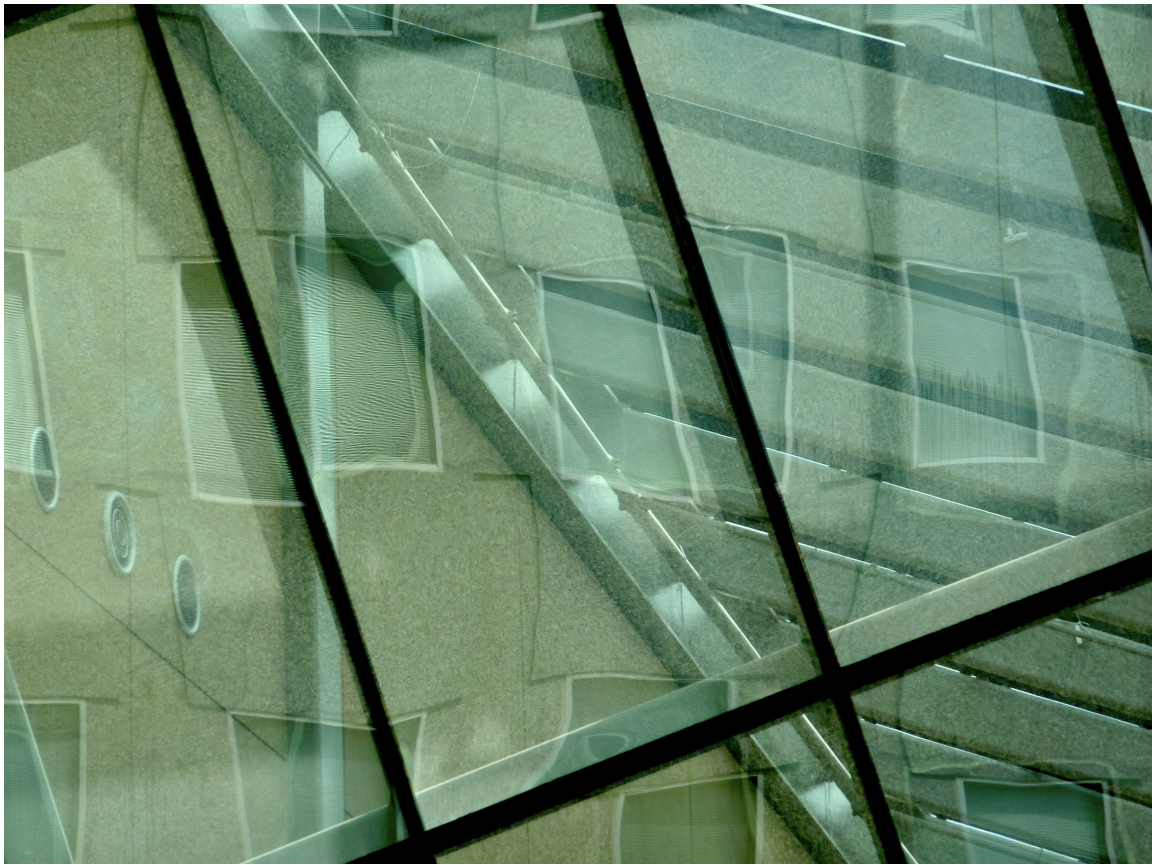


top donair



an experimental treatment





it begins with a great descent



potholes to the pelagic zone





lost in the in-between

Next installment:

September 2022

Part 1

Butterdome-  
Health Sciences area

University of Alberta campus